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The Motion with the word 'special' omitted therefrom was then put to the House and carried.

LEVY OF A FEE ON LANDS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AYACUT REGISTERS.

Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU :—" Mr. President, Sir, the Motion that stands in my name runs thus :—

10. *That this Council recommends to the Government that notification No.* 151, *dated 9th December* 1920, *published in the* Kistna District Gazette *for levying a fee on lands to be included in the ayacut registers should be cancelled.*

" I formally move this Resolution, Sir, and at the same time I crave the permission of this House to get this adjourned to some day in February, that is, to a day in the February session, because I had a talk with the hon. the Law Member, and as Government have not got sufficient information, we agreed to postpone the discussion of this Motion to the first day in the February Session. So I crave the leave of the House to adjourn this matter. Even if there is no non-official day in the February Session, the hon. the Law Member has promised to give a day for this Resolution."

Mr. M. Seetayya seconded the motion.

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" The hon. Mover was kind enough to come and discuss the whole matter with me, and he has placed certain considerations before me and the Chief Engineer, which are worthy of careful scrutiny. And I told him that if I was convinced of his arguments, we would take certain action, and therefore I asked him to get this Resolution adjourned, and he has been courteous enough to do so. And with the consent of the House, I shall be glad to consent to the adjournment in the manner proposed. I may say that if the matter has to be discussed at all, it will be discussed in the February Session, but it is hoped that it may not become the subject of discussion."

The Motion for adjournment was put to the House and carried.

The House then adjourned (5–10 p.m.) to meet again at 11 a.m. the next day.

L. D. SWAMIKANNU,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

APPENDIX A.

[Vide page 309 supra]

NOTE FOR THE EXCISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The time has now come for the Committee definitely to decide upon its policy in the matter of temperance, and to enable it to do this I have placed before it two documents which I commend to the earnest attention of members. The first is a pamphlet prepared by Mr. Strathie. In this he sets out the past history of many events connected with the development of the excise system in Madras (with which members of the public generally are not acquainted) and proceeds to examine in the light of them the